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2. The evening "newspaper" broadcast 29 March 1952 on Radio Prague included a short statement to the effect that on that same day a new hydroelectric power plant (hydroelectra) on the Morava River was put into operation. The announcement gave no further details or comments. This came as somewhat of a surprise to me because although I had heard of many plans to construct hydroelectric plants in Slovakia, I never heard of any construction planned on the Morava River. It would seem, however, that the most suitable location for a hydroelectric plant would be somewhere on the lower Morava, where the current is more powerful and the channel is wider.
3. Tvorba of 27 December 1951, contained an article about the new metallurgical combine, Klement Gottwald Foundry Works, in Kuncice nad Ostravici /494BN-1818E/. This combine, according to the newspaper was soon to have its own power plant with a capacity of more than one million kw. No further details were given.

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- 1 When I returned to Czechoslovakia \_\_\_\_\_ I noticed several  
high steel towers being constructed and anchored in concrete  
bases in the vicinity of Prague. One place that I saw such  
towers was about 15-20 km north of Prague, where they crossed the  
Vltava Link highway. Another place where the towers were  
being constructed was 15 km east of Prague, close to the village  
Hradec Kralove highway, near the town of Sadska. I later learned  
that this construction was to be a high-tension electrical line,  
a new project included in the Five Year Plan for industrial  
development. The purpose of the new transmission line was to link  
the largest electrical power plant in Czechoslovakia, located  
in Ervenice [59JIN-1338] northern Bohemia, with the new hydro-  
electric plants being built in Slovakia. The reason for the  
construction of the new line was to equalize distribution of  
electrical power in both parts of the country. Since Ervenice  
largest suppliers. In addition, in case the Ervenice power  
supply should fail, power plants in Slovakia could furnish the  
power, and vice-versa. The Ervenice power combine uses soft  
lignite, the light-brown coal found in southern and black coal from the  
Kladno region. This "balance line," which I saw under construction,  
was supposed to be capable of transmitting a  
250,000 volt current. Construction was being hastened which  
indicates that the project carried a high priority. Later I heard  
rumors that this project would play a part in the  
industrial cooperation with Eastern Germany.

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[redacted] I walked the entire length of the border from Moldava v Krasne Hory (Moldava in the Krasne Mountains) to Liberec. 504m + 450m and I did not see this high-tension line cross over into Germany at any point. [redacted] when I first noticed the construction of the line north of Prague, it appeared that the line was nearing completion because on each tower was a sign warning persons to keep at a safe distance from the tower.

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